

National Currency Slump

The bottom fell out of Chinese National Currency yesterday as rumours again got afoot that its value was to be further reduced in terms of the U.S. dollar.

Opening quotations were 63 cents for futures and 93 cents for spot (for CN\$1,000) as against the previous day's close of 72 cents and 97 cents respectively. The dollar continued its downward plunge in the course of the day. Dropping to 65 cents for futures and 88 cents for spot. Towards the close, the rates were the same as in the morning.

Cold also made a headlong plunge downward, opening at \$312 a tael, 4 points below the previous day's close, and falling to \$300.50, where it stopped and later improved slightly to \$302.50 at the close.

Less interest was shown in Pin-tseus. Opening at \$15.90 a 100 the rate fell to \$15.20, but sudden buying sent it up to \$16.60 for about fifteen minutes in the afternoon. It eased off again to \$16.05 at the close.

U.S. dollars had buyers at \$4.80. Sterling and Australian pounds were again unchanged at \$16.40 and \$12.55 respectively.

Youths Found Not Guilty

After a three days' trial on a charge of armed robbery, two youths, Cheung Nam-ching and Tsang On, were found not guilty by the jury and discharged by Sir Henry Blackall, Chief Justice, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

The jury, in a rider, suggested that police officers in the New Territories, where the accused resided, should keep an eye on both in the future, not to haunt them but to prevent them associating with bad company.

The youths were alleged with two others not in custody, to have robbed the passengers of a lorry bound for Kowloon from Un Long. Mr. A. S. C. Comber appeared for Tsang, while Cheung was not legally represented. Mr. R. S. Smith, Assistant Crown Solicitor prosecuted.

POW CAMP INCIDENT "MYSTERY" Witness In Tokunaga Trial Not Pressed On Point To Discredit Of Hong Kong Resident

Jury List Warning

The attention of the public is drawn to the advertisement which appeared in the press on December 2 with reference to Jury Service.

It transpires that firms, whether consisting of one or several individuals, are not responding satisfactorily and the public are reminded that unless full particulars as required are submitted, they lay themselves open to the penalties imposed by the Jury Ordinance of 1897.

It is again particularly stressed that persons and firms who have registered previous to December 2 are required to re-register, giving their full names and private addresses. Furthermore, no individual member of employees of a firm should send in his return separately, but should have his name included in his firm's list as entered on a form which will be provided on application to the Registry, Supreme Court.

Should there be only one member of a firm eligible for service this fact should be stated on his form or letter.

The public are urged to co-operate as soon as possible so that the final jury list may be compiled without further delay.

LOCAL ESTATES

Local estate sworn under

Mr. Eric Joseph Lewis Rapley, formerly of Knutsford Hotel, who died at the age of 24 at the Hong Kong Sanatorium and Hospital on Nov. 26, 1941. Probate was granted to Mr. D. H. Blake, solicitor, who was appointed sole executor and trustee in the late Mr. Rapley's will dated May 29, 1938.

Mr. John James Cameron, of the Green Island Cement Company, has been granted probate to administer his late wife's local estate sworn under \$1,000.

The late Mrs. Christina

Cameron, formerly of No. 160, Austin Road, died at Stanley

on March 12, 1943.

At yesterday's hearing of the War Crimes Trial of Colonel Tokunaga and four other POW Camp Officers, Mr. T. F. Jackson, Office Superintendent, Canton, said that the pitiable condition of five fellow POWs whom he saw handcuffed in an ante-room of the Supreme Court and who were haggard, drawn and in the last stages of weakness, moved him to tears.

In the course of the morning's proceedings, Colonel Tokunaga said on two occasions that he was unable to hear what was being said and requested that the Interpreter speak louder. The witness stand and benches of Counsel were later moved to afford better hearing facilities for those in the dock.

Flattering remarks paid to the looks, military bearing and standard of his English in an Affidavit read out in Court by Major Puddicombe yesterday caused "Stodda" to beam and stroke his chin.

Mr. Jackson said that he was a POW at Shamshui Po Camp for eight months. In general, the treatment accorded POWs by the Japanese was inhumane. Sick POWs were frequently forced to attend parades. Occasionally they were called out on night parades which lasted from two to three hours at a time. Sick POWs were carried to the parades on stretchers. Some were assisted by other POWs.

Corporal's Death

About March, 1942, Capt. Hurn of the R.A.S.C. developed beri-beri and pellagra. From that time till the end of July 1942, Hurn received very little treatment and was forced to attend all parades. His condition steadily became worse and ultimately he had to be carried out, even to lengthy parades which lasted from two to three hours. At the end of July 1942 he was admitted to the sea wall and about August 6, witness heard that he had died at St. Teresa's Hospital. At the time of his admission to Hospital, Hurn was suffering from an advanced condition of beri-beri and had not been eating for a long period. Witness recalled that in the summer of 1942, a 2/Lieut. Kerr,

WOOL RATIONS

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present in Hong Kong and as the matter was one which would reflect to the discredit of that person, he would not like to bring it out unless the Court so desired.

As the matter was not relevant to the charges against accused, Mr. Jackson was not asked to say anything further on the point.

Relying to the President, he said that emergency parades sometimes included sick in hospital, who were brought out on stretchers. He remembered that on one occasion a night parade was held in a torrential downpour which lasted throughout the parade. At other times, the parades were held under typical Hong Kong summer night weather conditions.

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Jap Witness

The next witness, Kochi Shikaro, declared that he was an English Interpreter employed at POW Camps at North Point and Shamshui Po. The POWs at North Point comprised British and Canadian personnel. There were also a few Dutch Naval personnel.

Shortly before their move from North Point Camp, there were a number of diphtheria and dysentery cases. On Sept. 25, 1942, Medical Orderly Sgt. Yuyama transferred about 50 patients to Bowes Road Hospital. During the night of Sept. 25, a number of new diphtheria and dysentery cases occurred. It was not possible to have these cases removed to hospital on the morning of Sept. 26. They were transferred with other POWs to Shamshui Po on a small, overcrowded boat.

He knew Lieut.-Col. Crawford who was a Canadian Medical Officer. The POW Medical Orderlies worked hard for patients in hospital. One day, all POW Medical Officers and Orderlies were called out by Saito, who asked those who considered they had done their best for patients to step forward. All of them stepped forward. Saito said he was going to slap their faces. He then proceeded to slap the Medical Officers and Orderlies in turn.

Mr. Fujita then proceeded to ask witness why he was taken out of Camp. Major Puddicombe asked that witness be warned that he was not under any obligation to say anything which might incriminate himself.

Perfectly Willing

Mr. Jackson said that he was perfectly willing to say why he was taken out of Camp. He had done nothing dishonorable.

Mr. Fujita intimated that he would not press the question, which was withdrawn.

Resuming, witness said that he was tried by a Japanese Court.

He doubted very much if any

of the five men whom he saw at the Supreme Court could jump from a high place because they were in a very weak state.

There was a hospital of sorts

in Camp by March 1942. Hospital admissions and discharges

could only be decided upon under authority of the Japanese authorities.

The only POWs who went to hospital were those suffering from obvious illness, such as dysentery, diphtheria and the like.

In the case of beri-beri and pellagra patients, it was a matter of common knowledge that until a man became seriously ill, he was not admitted to hospital.

The attitude of the Japanese in regard to men who were sick was that if they could walk or stagger along and had no definite complaint, they could attend parades.

Major Puddicombe then asked him if he still wished to say why he was taken out of Camp.

Well Known

Replying in the affirmative, Mr. Jackson said that the misdemeanour for which he was taken out of Camp was well-known to all other POWs. The offence which constituted this misdemeanour was fully approved by several senior Officers in Camp, who congratulated him on the action he had taken.

It involved a certain person at

Gun Runners Sentenced

In passing sentence of two years hard labour at Kowloon Court yesterday on two travelling traders, Chan Fei and Wong Pak-mong, who pleaded guilty to unlawful possession of three Thompson guns and 1,500 rounds of ammunition, the Magistrate, Mr. W. H. Latimer remarked that the case was clearly and simply one of gun-running and the police agreed that defendants' stories were correct in the main.

Chan said that he was engaged by a man named Yuen Nam to receive the guns from a military-type truck and took them to the Kam Tai Boarding House in Yau-mati. Wong said that he entered into partnership with Yuen Nam to make some unspecified purchase for sale in Canton and contributed \$850 to the deal. The guns as far as he knew were purchased at \$4.50 each and the ammunition was part of the purchase.

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CO-EDUCATION IN H.K.

Contribution To Family Spirit

Plans for the future of the Diocesan Girls' School that envisaged a curriculum deviating from the purely academic and pursuing a bias toward home-making were mentioned by the Headmistress, Miss A. W. Hurrell, M.A., when she addressed the gathering at the D.G.S. Speech Day and prize-giving yesterday.

"I have sometimes an uncomfortable feeling that our work at the top of the School is too academic for some of our girls," Miss Hurrell said. "I hope next year we may be able to offer to girls who have passed their School Certificate Examination a choice between matriculation for those going on to a University and a class I something like an English Lower Sixth for girls, preparing for nursing and the medical auxiliary services, for social service, domestic science and business posts.

"I mean a class with a bias toward home-making where a girl can pursue her studies in a more leisurely manner with time to create things, whether in art, music, handicraft or practical subjects, developing in so doing that well-balanced personality which is surely the aim of every school to produce. Thus, too, for some slight but practical study of citizenship and what it should involve for a woman in these days of rapid social change."

Miss Hurrell said in part:—

"...that had been a great year for the Diocesan Girls' School. In March of that year the new wing was opened consisting of seven dairy classrooms, and art room and a laboratory which it had Miss Chin's pride to equip. Happily this building has been preserved to us, though all the furniture, fittings and valuable new equipment have been lost.

Hasty Departure.

"On December 10 of that year the School was allocated as a Nurse's Hostel to the Kowloon Magistracy Relief Hostel and Miss Gibbons and the Staff had to leave hastily. Unfortunately before the building was occupied looters got in and began their work of destruction. Soon after it was occupied by the Japanese Gendarmerie. During that occupation the School records, books, furniture and all the personal possessions of the Staff were lost but the building did not suffer badly. It was intact but cluttered up with concrete erections, which made rehabilitation difficult and costly, one class room had been used as a blacksmith's shop, while stables and pigsties were erected in the grounds but the wooden floors remained.

"At the end of the war the building would no doubt have shared the fate of so many of the fine Schools of the Colony had it not been for the courage and foresight of Miss Gibbons who, having heard that the Gendarmerie were moving out, gained admittance to the building with Professor Foster and Mr. Wong and remained there during the night. When the Gendarmerie moved out next day Miss Gibbons obtained picked from the R.A.F. who saved the building from further looting.

Co-Education.

"I should like to say a word about the experiment in co-education which we shared with other Schools in the Colony. In my opinion it was a success and contributed to the family spirit which was so strong in the School. There was healthy spirit of rivalry between the girls, and boys in their work and their relations were happy and natural. I do not forget that, particularly happy in having at the top of the School, as prefects, boys who had been trained by Mr. Goddard, in a sense of responsibility which they carried with them into their life with us."

"The Diocesan Boys' School reopened after the war we began to transfer the boys at the various classes were started. In January the last of the boys (Class 1) will return with Miss Youniss. I am sure the Diocesan Girls' School will always look back with pleasure upon the year that it was re-

SIAM ADMITTED

Lake Success, Dec. 12.—The United Nations Security Council today voted unanimously to recommend the General Assembly to admit Siam to the United Nations.

The Council took immediate action upon the Chinese proposal favouring Siam after the Soviet delegate, Mr. Andrei Gromyko, who previously asked postponement of the question, said that Russia did not oppose Siam's entry.—United Press.

Inter-house cup to the captain of Sawyer's House, winners for the year.

Addressing the gathering, His Excellency said the keynote of the day's proceedings was the desire for peace.

The dominant note to be stressed about Hong Kong was the sense of recovery to be noticed everywhere after shattered hopes when many seemed to have gone beyond recall. Much had already been, and the rest was gradually being done back.

In picking up progress as marked as it was in the Colony's schools. This had been achieved by a group of people to whom he would take the opportunity presented to pay special tribute and to assure them that Government had taken note of their contribution and was doing everything possible to alleviate their difficulties.

To the student old enough to understand he would propose a concentration of energy upon the immediate task in hand—the best individual contribution in a period of reconstruction after a short war.

His Excellency also paid tribute to the work of the Rt. Rev. R.O. Hall, Bishop of Hong Kong, who is leaving today for Home.

Among those on the platform with His Excellency and Lady Youniss were the Rev. Dr. J. C. Smith, the Rev. Mr. N. V. Hall, Mr. S.M. Clegg, Mr. J. J. Gould, Mr. R. Jardine, the Rev. Mr. J.H. Outford, Mrs. Ingram, Dr. G.A.C. Hecklote, the Hon. Mr. Lee D'Almada Castro, Prof. W. Field, and Mr. G.S.P. Heywood.

The following certificates were then presented:

London General Examination for Hong Kong Matriculation: Haroun Akbalah, Terence Braga (distinction in Maths, Botany), Teresa Braga (Maths), William Chan, Frederick Ho, Kenneth Ho, Malisee Lee, Thomas Ho, Mabel Heul, John Kew, Diana Lee, Violet Lee, Monica Lim, Shirley Logan, Carmen Pillai, Monia Swanson, Kenneth Stu, Edmund Tam, Beryl Wong, Elizabeth Wong, Grace Young, Stefan Zeller.

Japanese Textiles For Hong Kong

Tokyo, Dec. 13.—The sale of approximately 150,000,000 yards of Japanese manufactured cotton textiles and several million pounds of yarn—some newly woven from imported American raw cotton—will be concluded shortly with Hong Kong, the Philippines, Burma, Malaya, French Indo-China, the Netherlands Indies and Siam, the United Press learned today.

This is the first sale to other nations of Japanese textiles since the surrender and the deal will be in the neighbourhood of \$10,000,000.

The entire deal from start to finish was negotiated between the foreign missions and the United States Commercial Company which handles all Japanese exports.

Included in the transaction are rayon and other fibre textiles but the majority was cotton, it was learned. Additionally to the stocks on hand comprising the bulk of the export, Japan for the first time since the war's end is exporting textiles loomed from American cotton imported by a special arrangement with the United States Commodity Credit Corporation.

Negotiations were carried on for months between representatives of the foreign missions to Tokyo and the United States Commercial Company representa-

tives and are viewed as a step towards the avowed MacArthur goal of a self-supporting Japanese economy.—United Press.

HONGKONG REEL CLUB

First Practice.

The first Practice of the Hongkong Reel Club will be held on TUESDAY 17th, Dec. at 5.30-7.30 p.m. in St. John's Cathedral Hall—All Members Old, New and Shanghai (of which there are a few in the Colony interested in continuing), will be welcome.—The Committee would like to take this opportunity of announcing that Mr. Ian Macrae has been elected Hon. Piper of the Reel Club and to thank him for consenting to fill this very important position.

Forms may be obtained on application to the Secretary, Medical Department, Hong Kong Bank Building, 1st floor. Applicants should apply personally with two copies of photographs of passport size.

The prescribed fee (\$50) should be paid into the Treasury, ground floor, Prince's Building, and the forms should be resubmitted to the Medical Department for completion.

WARNING.
The public is hereby warned that on and after 1st January, 1947, proceedings will be taken against any person found practising dentistry in contravention of the Dental Registration Ordinance (No. 1 of 1940).

Kowloon Armed Gang Broken Up

Mild excitement was caused in the city on Thursday night when brand-new Chinese National Currency banknotes, cut into triangular strips, were strewn about the streets by street urchins and newsboys with shouts of "Banknotes, banknotes, real banknotes!"

Examination revealed they were National Currency notes of small denominations, mostly \$1 and \$5, and had apparently never been in circulation.

The CN dollar has fallen so low, in value, being worth less than one-tenth of a Hong Kong cent per dollar, that the smaller denomination notes are no longer worth the paper they are printed on.

Enquiries revealed that the notes, spread about like confetti, were printed in Hong Kong by the Chung Wah Book Company for the Chinese Government before the outbreak of the Pacific War. Evidently large supplies had been printed and were put in cold storage during the Japanese occupation. Recently they were cut up and disposed of, being bought to fill packing cases. Urchins getting hold of some of the "packing" thought it amusing to decorate the streets.

According to the Crown evidence, the Chinese constable and his wife were in Waterloo Road near the Public Mortuary, at 3.20 p.m. on Aug. 30, when Wong and Au stopped them. With a revolver, Au ordered the couple to walk up the hill opposite the Kowloon Hospital, where Wong searched and robbed them of money and jewellery.

While riding in a tricycle in Sai Yee Street on their way to the Kowloon Hospital at 1 p.m. on Sept. 30, the police interpreter and his wife were robbed of money and jewellery by the three accused.

That the Authorised Capital of the Company be increased to \$25,000,000 by the creation of 2,000,000 new shares of the nominal value of \$5 each, and that such new shares be issued at such time or times, and on such terms and conditions as the Directors in their absolute discretion shall see fit.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

P. W. A. WOOD,
Secretary & Chief Accountant.
Hongkong, 18th Nov. 1946.

CHINA LIGHT & POWER COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Twenty-third Ordinary Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Office of Messrs. David Sassoon & Co., Ltd., 1st Floor, Prince's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on the 14th day of December, 1946, at 12 noon, for the purpose of confirming the appointment of the Board of Directors and receiving the Reports and Statements of Accounts for the year ended 30th September, 1941, three months ended 31st December, 1941, and for the period 1st January, 1942 to the 31st August, 1945, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

AND NOTICE is hereby also given that at the same time and on the same day at 12 noon or so soon afterwards as the Ordinary General Meeting shall be concluded an Extraordinary General Meeting will be held for the purpose of considering and if thought fit of passing the following Resolution as an Ordinary Resolution namely:—

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December, 1941, are requested
to submit them, together with
supporting details where available,
to the Registered Office of
the Company, 14, Des Voeux
Road Central, not later than
21st December, 1946.

This information is required
for registration purposes only
and acceptance of any claims
lodged is not to be construed as
admission of liability.

For HONG KONG
TELEPHONE COMPANY,
LTD.

P. S. BELWYN-CLARKE
Director of Medical
Services.

S. GROVE,
Secretary.

THE EXCHANGE BANKS' ASSOCIATION

Owing to the present high level of working costs a scale of charges for the work entailed in the handling of securities, etc. deposited in Safe Custody will be introduced by members of the Association as from 1st January, 1947.

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Rubber Belting, Safes, Empty Bottles, Empty Tins, China Tea, Etc.

STORED AT SUI BUN FOR GODOWN No. 1-A, FIRST FLOOR, West Point.

Dynamo, Auto Parts, Steel Cabinets, Battery Parts, Rubber Tyres, Wind Screen Frames and Fights, Typewriter, Electric Wire, Etc.

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Foreign Paper, Manifold Paper, Cow Hides, Manila Rope, Radio Transmitting Set, Torchlight Bulbs, Etc.

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WANTED—Boat hull in sound condition—Length 50-70 Feet. Engine shafting, propeller—not required. Write Box 250, "China Mail."

LOST

GENEROUS reward return ladies diamond and sapphire wrist-watch lost Star Ferry or Wharves 11.30 p.m. 10th December. Any information communicate Box No. 243 "China Mail."

VEHICULAR FERRY

The Regular Ferry has been suspended and an irregular service is being operated in its place between the hours of 7.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. daily.

THE HONG KONG & YAUMATI FERRY CO., LTD.

Hong Kong, 18th Dec., 1946.

MAERSK LINE

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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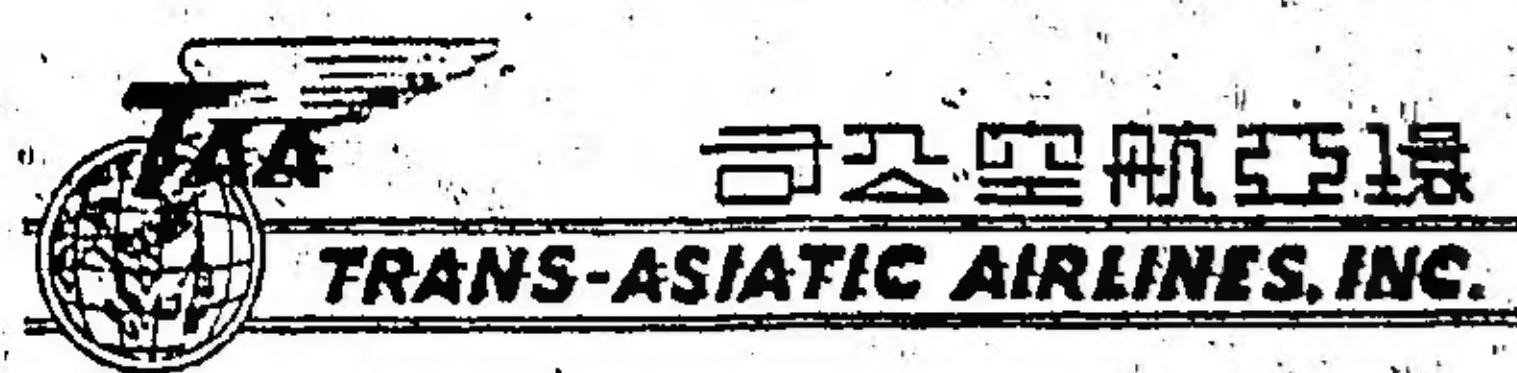
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CHURCHILL WAGS HIS HEAD

Blames Government For Loss Of Life In India

Cripps:-Position Not Hopeless

London, Dec. 13. Winston Churchill, swaying his body and wagging his head like a great caged bear, told the House of Commons yesterday that he expected civil war in India and accused the Labour Government of direct responsibility for thousands of lives already lost in communal violence.

Sir Stafford Cripps, brilliant legal mind of the Government, said that only full Indian agreement to Britain's plan to melt opposing Indian political and religious beliefs into a single unified administration would prevent "the disaster of civil strife."

Although British efforts failed last week to bring the Moslems into agreement with the Congress Party and Sikh representatives over the power of Government to be allotted by India's constitution-writing Constituent Assembly, Sir

Stafford—a member of the Cabinet Mission to the subcontinent—declared:

"I do not wish the House to get the impression that the position is hopeless."

Sir Stafford admitted that Britain is puzzled about how to hand over the ruling power to an Indian Government without strife and declared that the greatest difficulty was that Hindus and Moslems "have not shown themselves prepared to trust one another."

He admitted, too, that cleavages among Indian factions are a fundamental divergence of the plan for Indian independence—a plan under which the Moslems seek a loose Central Government which would give them a large realisation of their dreams of Pakistan, an independent Moslem state, while the Congress Party wants a strong Central Administration.

Sir Stafford told the House that after careful reexamination of the scheme put forward in May last, the Government was convinced that it was not only fair but a feasible scheme.

"We can see no other way by which the disaster of civil strife can be avoided."

Violent Propaganda

Sir Stafford concluded by expressing the conviction that it was essential that all parties in India should call a halt to the violent propaganda that had stirred the people during the last few months.

Mr. Winston Churchill, leader of the Opposition, associated himself with Sir Stafford in his appeal to the Indian parties to discontinue the violent propaganda.

"Agreement in India, which was the basis of all our policy declarations, was an indispensable condition. Instead there has been strife and bloodshed and the prospect of more and worse to come."

Mr. Churchill, on behalf of the Opposition, disclaimed all responsibility for the Labour Government's present policy and charged it through inviting Congress to form an interim Government, with "precipitating a series of massacres unparalleled in India since the mutiny of 1857."

Mr. Churchill, alluding to his insistence upon the debate, said it would be a pity if the British Empire in India passed out of life into history without the House of Commons seeming to take any interest in the affair and without any record even in Hansard of the transaction.

Mr. Churchill said: "There was, and still is, a general measure of consent here and throughout the land, to the final transference of power from the House of Commons into Indian hands, but that transference, if it is to take place, must be based upon agreement and co-operation of the principal masses and forces among the Indian people. Only in this way could that transference take place without measurless bloodshed out there, and lasting discredit to our name in the

Foretaste Of Future?

This, he said, was only a foretaste of what might well come in the future. It might be only the first few heavy drops of rain before the thunderstorm broke.

Quoting reports from "high and credible witnesses" of what had taken place in Bihar, Mr. Churchill said it cast into the shade the Armenian atrocities with which Mr. Gladstone had once stirred the moral sense of Liberal Britain. "We are of course censured by all we have passed through ourselves, our faculty for wonder is ruptured, our faculty of horror is numb. The world is full of misery and pathos, but it has not stirred

REMBRANDT STOLEN

Hamburg, Dec. 12. A Cologne art dealer named Endolph Bartholomew has confessed to the recent theft of the £250,000 Rembrandt painting "Christ at the Whipping Post" from the Cologne Museum.

He said he became infatuated with the idea of possessing such a valuable painting for a little while.—Reuters.

us as it would have done in our fathers' time."

He doubted very much whether the official figure of 10,000 lives lost since the interim administration of Nehru took over, represented half the total of racial and religious murders to date.

"I have been informed that it was Nehru himself who gave the order, which the provincial government of Bihar had been afraid to give, for police and troops to fire upon the Hindu mob who were exterminating the Muslim minority in their midst. That is certainly to his credit. May it be taken as an encouraging sign. Nevertheless I must record my own belief which I have long held, that any attempt to establish a reign of Hindu numerical majority in India will never be achieved without civil war."—Associated Press and Reuter.

"No Time To Wait" In Palestine

Basel, Dec. 13. Berl Locker, a member of the Jewish Agency Executive, today supported the Palestine partition proposal on the grounds of "expediency" and "realism."

Locker, who is a Jewish Labour Party leader in London, told the World Zionist Congress "there is no time to wait" for the establishment of a Jewish state on historic boundaries of Palestine.

He added, "England wants to stay in the Middle East and Russia wants to push in. It is natural that the Americans should play a new role in Jewish life but American Jewish leaders did little to bring immigration from America to Palestine and now they want to assume leadership in Zionism."

Another member of the Executive, Mrs. Epstein of New York, said an American Jewish community of 5,000,000 "humbly accepts its growing responsibilities" but "our destiny is not in our own hands. It is foolhardy not to understand that we are part of the whole world complex."

Mrs. Epstein, President of the Shah Hadassah, added: "To try to blow new life into the British mandate over Palestine, is to lead us nowhere."—Associated Press.

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Germans Have A New Plan

Hamburg, Dec. 12. A new plan drawn up by Germans themselves to allow Germany more food, permit more industrial production and enable more goods to be made for the administration, has been announced.

The plan would give Britain and United States taxpayers "more value for their money," it is claimed. Known as the "Mueller Plan," it has been drawn up by Dr. Rudolf Mueller, head of the bi-zonal committee for economic affairs at Minden in the British zone.

It asks for the ban on the manufacture of aluminium to be lifted and for permission to increase production of tools, machinery and chemicals.

Proposals for the expansion of export trade are based on the world market price for German production at the rate of ten marks to the pound sterling.

The present rate is 40 marks to the pound sterling.

The plan maintains that if more food were imported and the basic ration raised from 1,550 calories per day to 2,000 calories German workers would produce 1,900,000,000 marks' worth of export goods in 1947 instead of the estimated 1,060,000,000 marks' worth.

The cost of materials would be 1,300,000,000 marks and the cost of food would be 1,828,000,000 marks instead of 1,370,000,000 marks.

"The Nation" today urged President Truman to announce the immediate and complete withdrawal of American military forces in China and order the present flow of financial and military aid to be stopped completely, with no further assistance given, until the terms of the directive of Dec. 15, 1945, were carried out.

"The Nation" said the opening of the National Assembly marked the final breakdown of General George Marshall's efforts to achieve the aims outlined in President Truman's statement a year ago and "the situation grows worse" because the Kuomintang believed the United States supported the reactionary party against Communism.

It added, "Only immediate drastic action on the part of the United States can save this situation and stop the drift toward catastrophe."—United Press.

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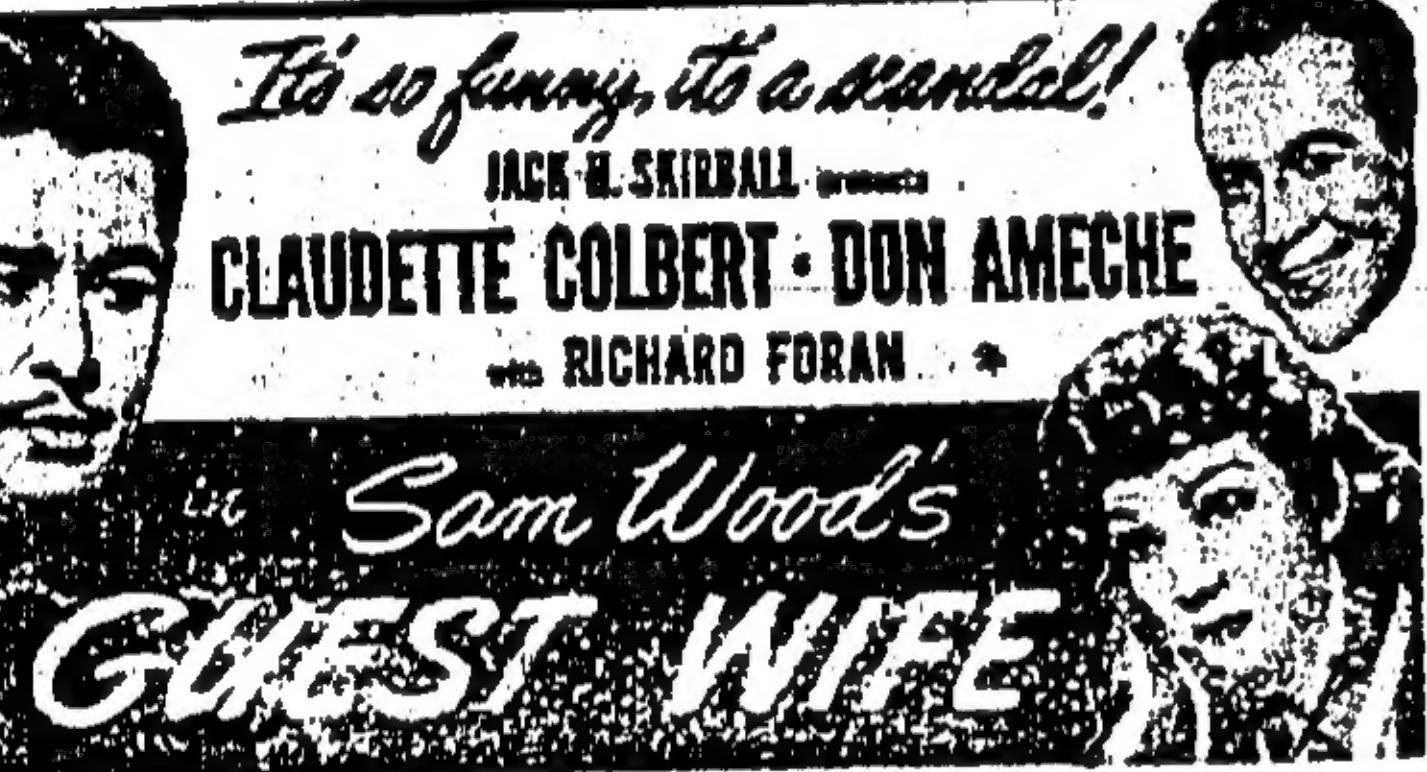
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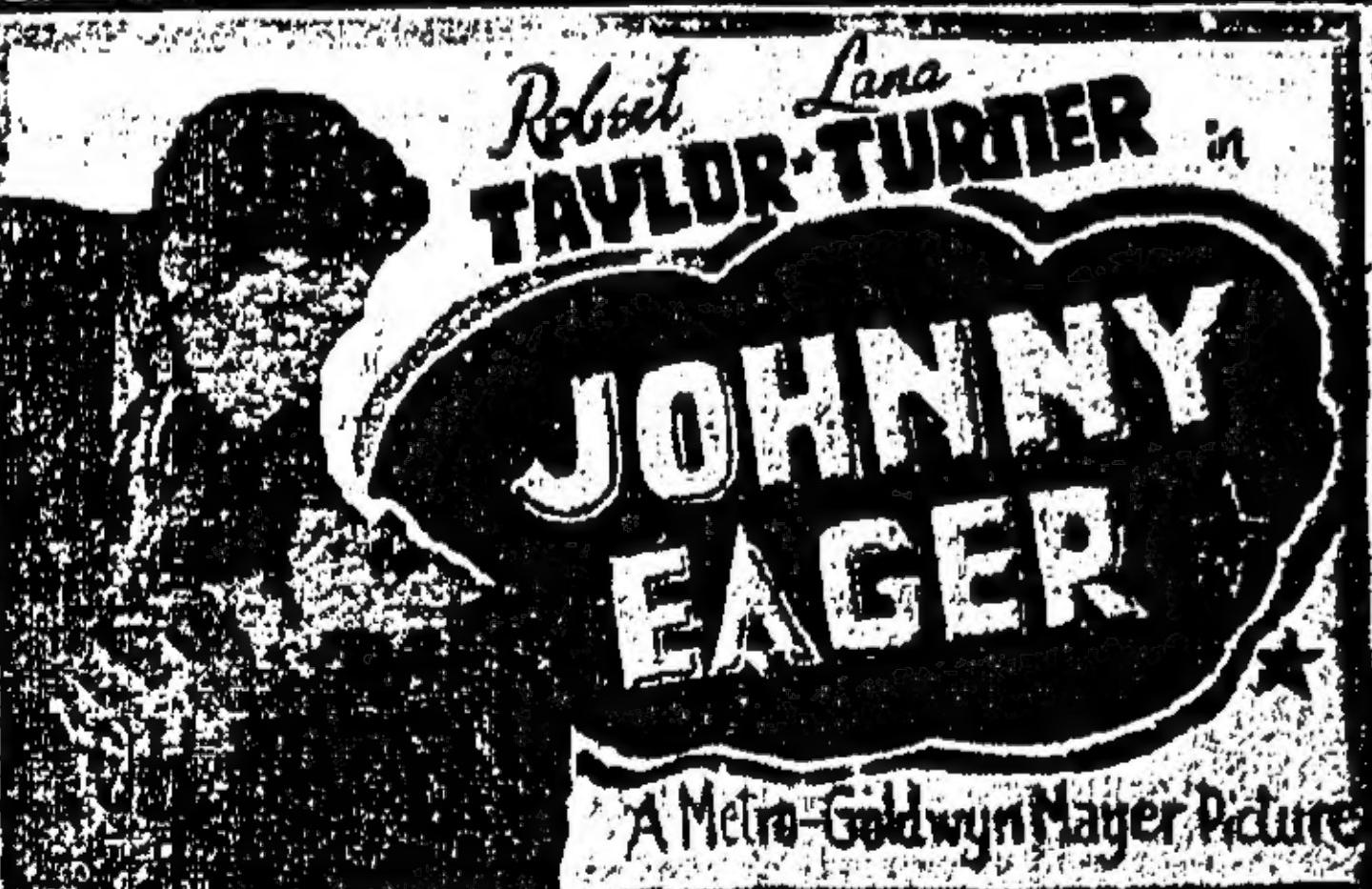
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GREECE PRESENTS HER CASE
TO UNITED NATIONS

Lake Success, Dec. 12. Dr. Constantine Tsaldaris, Greek Premier, took his place at the United Nations Security Council table today to present his country's accusation against Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Albania of fomenting frontier violations by guerrillas in northern Greece.

The three defendant countries have been invited to attend the debate, but only Yugoslavia has the right to participate in the entire discussion. Bulgaria and Albania as non-members of the United Nations have been invited to make statements only.

Greece claims that the situation is likely to endanger peace and security" and urges immediate United Nations investigation.

Dr. Tsaldaris and representatives of Yugoslavia, Albania and Bulgaria were summoned to the Council table and the debate opened with the Greek Minister presenting the Greek case.

"Greece is experiencing a state of undeclared war," he said. "Alone among the bellicose nations Greece continues to suffer and bleed. She suffered martyrdom in the war. She suffers martyrdom in peace."

Several hundred soldiers and gendarmes had been killed in Macedonia in the past two months and countless inhabitants had been daily killed or carried off by guerrillas across the frontiers, he added.

Undeclared War

The United Nations cannot surely permit that a few dealers in ideology should continue to receive assistance from foreign countries for imperialistic ends," Dr. Tsaldaris said. "The undeclared war against Greece appears to be entering its most acute stage. It aims at sundering from Greece a region which is Greek in the highest degree and at setting up in Greece a regime opposed to the wishes of the vast majority of her people as manifested in the elections.

These acts of aggression are being committed on the basis that

of a systematic plan worked out in the minutest detail.

"It has two tactical aspects: first, intensive propaganda in favour of the incorporation of Greek Macedonia in the Yugoslav state of Macedonia; second, active assistance to insurgent bands which use the territory of Yugoslavia, Albania and Bulgaria as operational bases for raids into Greek territory.

Drang Nach Osten?

Dr. Tsaldaris quoted from speeches made in those countries in favour of the "unification" of Macedonia.

"These blustering efforts evoke memory of the policy of Drang Nach—a policy which we thought had dropped out of circulation," he said. "The broad objective of these declarations is to represent this Greek region as unredeemed Slav territory and denounce Greece on the alleged ground that she is persecuting Slavic-speaking elements. Nothing more cynical could be conceived than these protests."

After recounting details of alleged guerrilla raids, the Greek delegate said: "Continuance of this situation constitutes an attack on the most elementary principles of international collaboration and contains the germ of conflict that might endanger peace."

The three "defendant" delegates listened intently to the Greek Premier's speech, though as it went on the Yugoslav representative, Dr. Sava Kossorovich, showed signs of boredom.

These acts of aggression are being committed on the basis that

the Greek accusations against Albania and Bulgaria and Yugoslavia were false and invidious and intended to mislead democratic public opinion

Senator Charged

Washington, Dec. 12. The Senate War Investigation Committee opened public hearings today on charges that Democrat Senator Theodore Bilbo had accepted gratuities from Mississippi contractors in return for Army airfield construction contracts. Bilbo appeared before the Committee to hear the testimony of Army engineers.

The charges alleged that Bilbo received a total of US\$33,750 as well as an automobile and a completely furnished "dream house" from the contractors.

Recently Bilbo was charged with preventing Negroes from voting in the Mississippi democratic primary. If Bilbo is found guilty on the present charges, the Republicans will have an additional cause to prevent him taking his Senate post when Congress convenes on Jan. 3.—Central News.

throughout the world, added the Yugoslav.

"There are no grounds whatsoever for an inquiry based upon the allegations that Yugoslavia, Albania and Bulgaria are interfering in the internal affairs of Greece."

"What the whole situation requires is an investigation of conditions inside Greece at the earliest possible moment, and I propose that now. It will undoubtedly lead to a positive solution of the problem," he added.—Reuter.

Serious Situation

The Yugoslav representative declared: "The Security Council will be able to see again that it is within Greece that exists the breeding ground of the disturbances which endanger the peaceful development of eastern Europe. The situation is even more serious because England, which supports Dr. Tsaldaris and still maintains troops in Greece, must share in the responsibility. The presence of these foreign troops artificially supporting a weak regime prevents the Greek people from expressing their true will and sharpens all conflicts inside that country."

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